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Applicant: Schonebeck
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Title: METHOD OF PRODUCING A VEHICLE INTERIOR LINING
AND VEHICLE INTERIOR LINING

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the final Office Action of August 24, 2005, please consider the following arguments. Claims 1-22 remain pending in the application including independent claims 1 and 22.

Claims 1-3, 6, 13, and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Burmester et al. (US 4486493). Burmester discloses a seat cushion that has an inner foam core 4, a spring body 1 on top of the foam core 4, a buffer layer 3 on top of the spring body 1, and a seat cover 2 that encloses the entire cushion. Thus, Burmester does not disclose a vehicle interior lining.

The examiner argues that the buffer layer 3 of Burmester corresponds to the claimed decorative layer for the vehicle interior lining, and that the spring body 1 of Burmester corresponds to the claimed barrier layer. The examiner also argues that applicant "has not